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De La Colina, Rafael
Espinosa y Prieto, Eduardo

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DE LA COLINA, Rafael

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Member of Delegation

De la Colina, Mexican Ambassador to the United States since December, 1948 is a straightforward, cooperative and extremely able career foreign service officer who evinces courage in upholding his government's views.

With the exception of the periods 1923-1925 and 1933-1936 when he served in the Mexican Foreign Office, De la Colina's assignments have been exclusively in various Consulates in the United States until 1943 when he came to the Embassy in Washington, first as Minister-Counselor then Ambassador. He has represented his country before numerous international conferences including the Inter-American conference on Problems of War and Peace in Mexico City, in 1945 and before the United Nations General Assembly.

By reason of his long service abroad, De la Colina is considered to have little political influence in Mexico. He enjoys an excellent personal reputation, studied at the University of Pennsylvania and William and Mary College and is married to an American, Amanda Steinsmeyer. De la Colina's attitude toward the United States is very friendly.

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Division of Biographic InformationDE LA COLINA, RafaelMEXICO

Personal data: Born September 20, 1897, Tulancingo, Hidalgo;
married to an American, Amanda Steinmeyer; two children; Ruth and
Rafael.

Education: National University of Mexico, B. S. Degree, 1915; studied
at the University of Pennsylvania and William and Mary College.

Languages: English

Career:

1918	Consul, New Orleans.
1920	Consul, Philadelphia.
1922	Vice-Consul, St. Louis; Vice-Consul, Eagle Pass, Texas.
1923	Chief of the Administration Section of the Consular Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
1926	Consul, Boston.
1930	Consul, Los Angeles.
1934	Consul General, San Antonio; Chief of Licenses, Central Department, Federal District.
1936-1943	Consul General, New York.
1943	Delegate to the Council of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, Atlantic City; Vice-Chairman, first meeting, Interim Commission of the United Nations Conference on Food and Agriculture, Hot Springs, Virginia.
1943-1948	Minister Counselor and Chargé d'Affaires, ad interim, Embassy, Washington.
1945	Assistant Secretary General of Mexican delegation to the Inter-American Conference on Problems of War and Peace, Mexico City, February; Advisor of Mexican delegation to United Nations Conference on International Organization, San Francisco, April.
1946	Alternate delegate to United Nations Security Council, New York.
1946-1947	Alternate delegate to the United Nations General Assembly, second part of first session, New York, October.
1948	Delegate to the second Special Session, UN General Assembly.
1948-date	Ambassador to the United States, appointed in December.
1951	Counselor of delegation to the fourth meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of American States, Washington, March.

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Remarks:

De la Colina is a straightforward, cooperative, extremely able career foreign service officer who evinces courage in upholding his government's views. With the exception of about five years, since 1918 he has served continuously in various consulates in the United States and in the Embassy in Washington. It is by reason of this long service abroad that De la Colina is believed to have little influence in Mexico. 1/

At the Mexico City Conference in 1945 De la Colina's attitude was reported beneficial to the best interests of the continent and the United States. He was later described by an observer at the UN Security Council meetings as an extremely able man who expressed himself well. 1/ 2/

De la Colina enjoys an excellent personal reputation and is very friendly in his attitude toward the United States. 3/

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- 1/ Biographic Data Report, Mexico, D. F. December 29, 1948. (Confidential)
 - 2/ Department of State Memorandum, April 26, 1946. (Secret).
 - 3/ Biographic Data Report, Mexico, D. F., April 11, 1945. (Confidential)

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Embassy telegram 295, September 8, United Nations.

As Eduardo Espinosa Y Prieto, now Vice Director General, Mexico Diplomatic Service and his Russian wife, Tamara, may be included in Mexican delegation forthcoming United Nations meeting, Department may be interested following substance CAS memorandum, dated September 10:

Eduardo Espinosa and his wife Tamara have been on very friendly terms with former Soviet Ambassador Kapustin and his wife, here for past several years. Although Espinosa and wife have attempted to give impression they were rarely in touch with Kapustins, the opposite was the case. The Espinosas, during past few months, attended several small social functions at Soviet Embassy here, in addition to such larger gatherings as film showings, receptions, et cetera. Last Christmas, the two couples exchanged presents, and Kapustins before their departure, presented Espinosas with gifts. The Espinosas have been the "aggressors" in this relationship. One possible explanation is Mrs. Espinosa has, or until recently had, close relatives residing in Soviet Union.

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